



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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January 6, 2006

Betty Johnson, Treasurer
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P.O. Box 5258
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Response Due Date:
February 6, 2006

Identification Number: C00179408

Reference: December Monthly Report (11/1/05 – 11/30/05)

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule H4 discloses disbursements for "JJ Dinner 2005 (10/22/2005)" which is categorized as Fundraising; however, Schedule H2 does not include an allocation ratio for this activity. Please amend Schedule H2 to disclose the omitted ratio.

-Schedule H2 of your report indicates that your committee participated in "Cumberland Club – Oct. 28 (10/28/05)" activities or events during the reporting period. However, there are no corresponding disbursements reflected on your Schedule H4. Note that you need not include activities on Schedule H2 if there are no corresponding payments made for the activity during the reporting period. If any disbursements were incorrectly reported, you should file an amended Schedule H4 with the correct activity or event identifier, or provide clarifying information regarding the activities on Schedule H2.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following description: "Import Data and Matching."

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For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule H4 of your report discloses a payment to William Randall, which is categorized as an Administrative expense; however, the purpose of disbursement disclosed is "Reimb. Voterfile list." Please be advised that payments made for your committee's generic voter drive activities, that do not qualify as Federal election activities and that are not party exempt activities, should be categorized as a Voter Drive expense on Schedule H4. Please amend your report to clarify the appropriate category for this activity or provide clarifying information regarding this apparent discrepancy.

-Schedule H3 of your report discloses "People's Heritage Bank/TD Banknorth" as the name of account for transfers received from an apparent non-federal account for shared activity. Please verify if these transfers were received from a non-federal account of your committee and amend your report with any clarifying information.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "caterer" on Schedule H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

Alternatively, if the payment on Schedule H4 is associated with fundraising activity conducted for your committee's federal and non-federal accounts, it must be allocated according to the funds received method and the ratio reflected on Schedule H2. Further, it must be categorized as a fundraising activity on Schedule H4. Please provide clarifying information regarding the nature of this transaction and amend your report as appropriate.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any

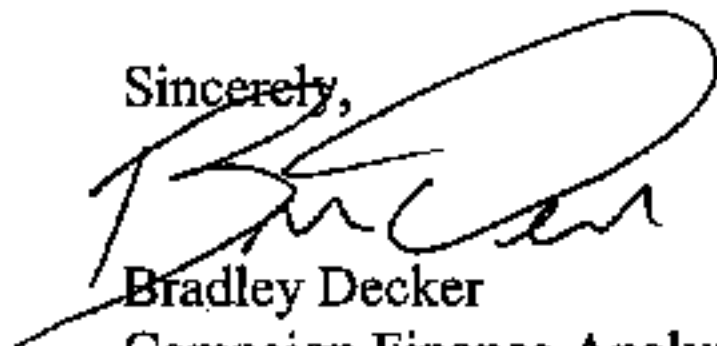
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questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradley Decker', written over the printed name.

Bradley Decker
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Reports Analysis Division

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